

sending optical signals, and at least one optical fiber comprising a connector. The connecting device comprises a support plate supporting at least one adapter. The adapter comprises an adapter contact adapted for a plug connection with the apparatus port of the apparatus, and a connector contact adapted for a plug and/or screw connection with the connector of the fiber. The support plate provides a grip for manually plugging in/off all of its adapters simultaneously into/from the respective apparatus ports.

### **In The Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

19. (Amended) A system for mounting a connecting device, said connecting device adapted for providing an optical connection between an apparatus comprising a plurality of apparatus ports for receiving and/or sending optical signals, and at least one optical fiber being coupled to a connector, the connecting device comprises a support plate supporting at least two adapters, each adapter comprises an adapter contact adapted for providing a connection with one of the apparatus ports and a connector contact adapted for providing a connection with the connector, said system comprising:

at least two types of support plates adapted for different types and/or numbers of adapters, and/or

at least two types of adapters adapted for different connectors and/or apparatus ports.

### **REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to include headings in accordance with US practice.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to eliminate reference numbers and to comply with MPEP 608.01(b).